

## METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DISPLAYING DATA STORAGE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A graphical user interface displays management information associated with one or more selected managed entities along with a drill down menu. The drill down menu includes selectable drill down options corresponding to respective drill down functions. Based on selection of a drill down option by a user, a respective drill down function is applied to the management information associated with the one or more selected managed entities. For example, after identifying a selected drill down option chosen from the drill down menu, a processor function associated with the graphical user interface produces a successive drill down view by applying the respective drill down function associated with the selected drill down option to the management information associated with the management view. This technique of drilling down based on selection of one of multiple selectable drill down options enables a network manager to more quickly traverse network management information.

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